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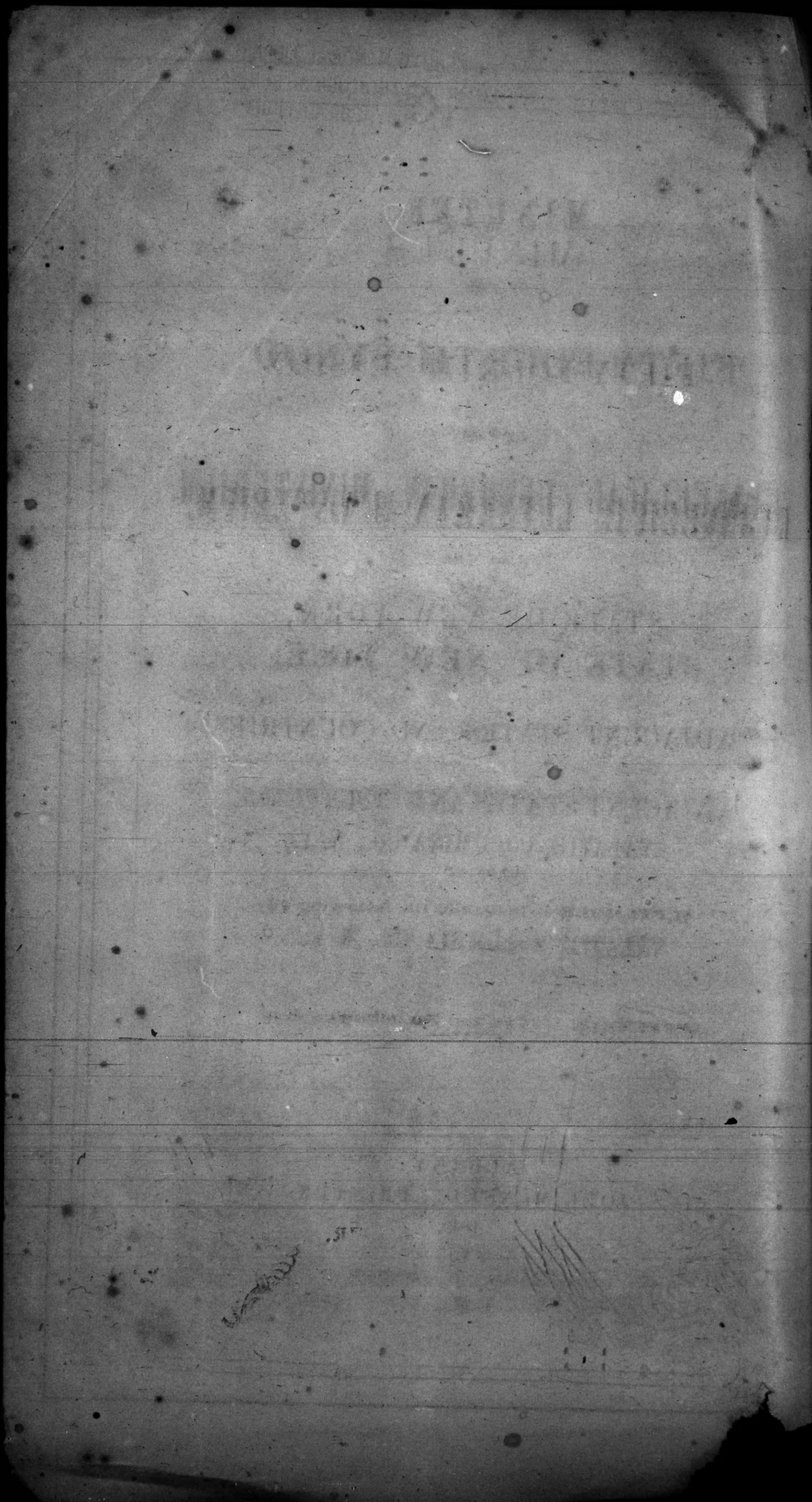
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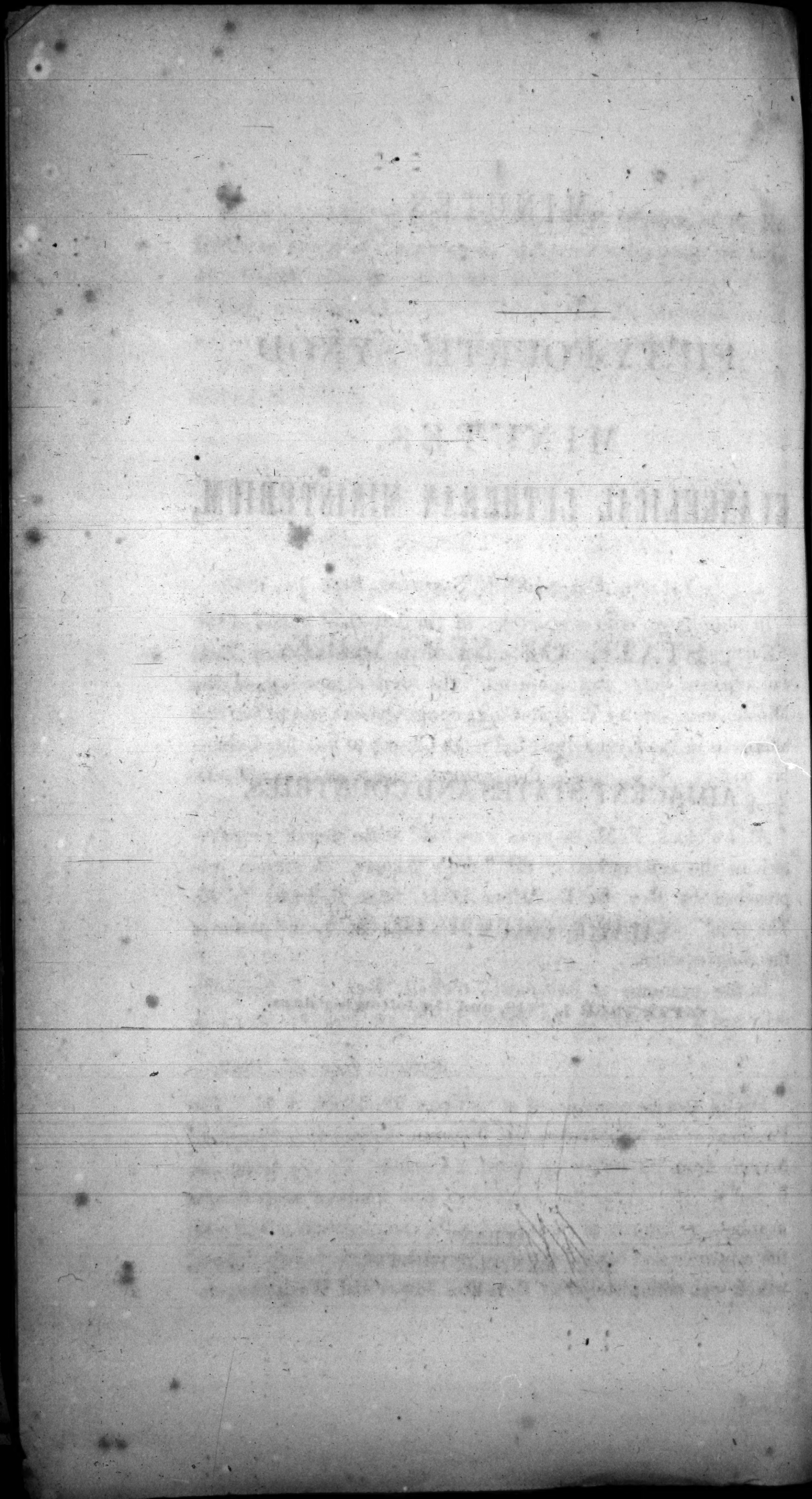
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VALATIE, COLUMBIA CO., SATURDAY, Sept. 1st, 1849.

In compliance with a resolution of the fifty-third Synod of the "Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the state of New York and adjacent states and countries," the clerical members of the Ministerium, and lay delegates from congregations, assembled this afternoon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Valatie, Columbia county, N. Y., under the pastoral charge of Rev. W. D. Strobel, D. D.

At 4 o'clock, P. M., services were held in the church, preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper. A sermon was preached by Rev. G. B. Miller, D. D., from Hebrews 7: 26. The usual concluding exercises were conducted by the pastor of the congregation.

In the evening, at half-past 7 o'clock, Rev. C. F. Schaeffer delivered a discourse in the same church, on Numbers 20 : 1-5.

SUNDAY, Sept. 2d, 1849.

Divine service commenced at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M. The President of the Ministerium, Dr. Pohlman, delivered the Synodical Sermon from the following texts: 1 Corinth., 7 : 19; Galat., 5: 6, and 6 : 15. After the *Pastor loci* had admitted several new members by the rite of confirmation, the congregation united with the ministers and lay delegates in partaking of the Lord's Supper, which was administered by Rev. Drs. Mayer and Wackerhagen.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Rev. C. F. Welden, of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, delivered a discourse on Luke 16 : 19-31.

In the evening, at half-past 7 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Mayer delivered a discourse on the texts, Daniel 2 : 44, and 7 : 13, 14.

Other members of the Ministerium preached during the day, in several churches in the vicinity.

First Session of the Synod.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Sept. 3.

According to previous notice, the clergymen and lay delegates assembled in the church at 9 o'clock, A. M., for the transaction of business. The session was opened by the president, with singing and prayer.

After the roll had been called, and the lay delegates had presented their certificates of appointment, the following catalogue of the ministers and delegates composing the body was arranged:

Ordained Ministers Present.	Post Offices.
1. Rev. H. N. POHLMAN, D. D.,....	<i>Albany, N. Y.</i>
2. " J. R. KEISER,.....	<i>N. Germantown, Hunterdon Co., N. J.</i>
3. " C. A. SMITH,.....	<i>Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., N. Y.</i>
4. " P. F. MAYER, D. D.,.....	<i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i>
5. " A. WACKERHAGEN, D. D.,..	<i>Clermont, Columbia Co., N. Y.</i>
6. " G. B. MILLER, D. D.,.....	<i>Hartwick, Otsego Co., N. Y.,</i>
7. " W. D. STROBEL, D. D.,....	<i>Valatie, Columbia Co., N. Y.</i>
8. " C. F. E. STOHLMAN,.....	<i>16 Bayard street, New York.</i>
9. " C. MARTIN,	<i>413 Broome street, New York.</i>
10. " J. C. DUY,.....	<i>Claverack, Columbia Co., N. Y.</i>
11. " G. J. Kempe,.....	<i>Rochester, N. Y.</i>
12. " C. F. SCHAEFFER,.....	<i>Red Hook, Dutchess Co., N. Y.</i>
13. " G. NEFF,.....	<i>New Prospect, Bergen Co., N. J.</i>
14. " H. WHEELER,.....	<i>Woodstock, Ulster Co., N. Y.</i>
15. " E. DEYOE,.....	<i>German Valley, Morris Co., N. J.</i>
16. " F. W. SCHMIDT,.....	<i>Albany, N. Y.</i>
17. " W. B. ASKAM,.....	<i>Gallatinville, Columbia Co., N. Y.</i>

Ordained Ministers.

Post Offices.

18. Rev. C. H. SIEBKE,..... *Rondout, Ulster Co., N. Y.*
 19. " G. W. LEWIS,..... *Ghent, Columbia Co., N. Y.*
 20. " C. F. WELDEN, *(Delegate of Synod of Pa.)*

Licentiates Present.

Post Offices.

21. Rev. C. A. SCHROER,..... *New London, Oneida Co., N. Y.*
 22. " F. W. WEISKOTTEN,..... *West Leyden, Lewis Co., N. Y.*

Lay-Delegates.

From the Congregation of

23. Mr. BERNARD G. GARLING,.... *Rev. Dr. Pohlman.*
 24. " JOHN ROW, Jr.,..... " *Dr. Wackerhagen.*
 25. " ALFRED FELLOWS,..... " *C. A. Smith.*
 26. " WM. M. PULTZ,..... " *Dr. Strobel.*
 27. " ROGER WILLIAMS,..... " *C. Martin.*
 28. " ARNOLD WISE,..... " *J. C. Duy.*
 29. " WM. TITAMORE,..... " *C. F. Schaeffer.*
 30. " JOHN ACHENBACK,..... " *G. Neff.*
 31. " PHILLIP M. LOWN,..... " *W. B. Askam.*
 32. " JOHN WALTERMIRE,..... " *G. W. Lewis.*

Ordained Ministers Absent.

Post Offices.

33. Rev. F. H. GUENTHER,* *Buffalo, N. Y.*
 34. " R. COLLIER,* *N. Hampton, Hunterdon, Co., N. J.*
 35. " A. WETZEL,* *Utica, N. Y.*
 36. " C. F. W. RECHENBERG,*.. *Syracuse, N. Y.*
 37. " W. F. VEIL,* *North Boston, N. Y.*
 38. " J. W. STARMAN,* *Waldoboro', Maine.*
 39. " WM. SHARTS,* *Waddington, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.*
 40. " H. HAYUNGA,* " " "
 41. " J. MUHLHEISER,* *Milwaukie, Wisconsin.*
 42. " P. H. DENNLER,† *Lyons, Wayne Co., N. Y.*
 43. " F. G. MASCHOP,† *Newark, N. J.*
 44. " J. EISENLORD,* *Fort Plain, N. Y.*
 45. " A. H. M. HELD,* *City of New York,*
 46. " F. T. WINKELMANN, D.D.,* " " "

Licentiates Absent.

47. Rev. G. H. MILLER,* *Hartwick, Otsego Co., N. Y.*
 48. " C. L. KNAPP,* *Lancaster, Erie Co., N. Y.*

Admitted at this Session.

49. Rev. E. J. SCHLUETER, Licentiate.

Rev. C. F. Welden, who was introduced and cordially welcomed as the delegate representing the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, was, in conformity to the usage observed by the

* Absent, with excuse.

† Absent, without excuse.

two ecclesiastical bodies, officially invited to a seat and vote as a member of this Ministerium.

The president then read his Annual Report, which was accepted.

President's Report.

BELoved BRETHREN:

Under the smiles of a kind and beneficent providence we are again assembled in Synodical Session; and it becomes my duty to present a report of my official acts, and a summary of the information I have received in relation to the ministers and churches belonging to our Ministerium during the past year.

From our licentiates generally I have received the most cheering accounts, and it gives me great pleasure to state that, as far as we can judge, they are all walking in the faith of the gospel, and endeavoring to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

The Rev. George H. Miller has continued to labor in his vocation as Professor in Hartwick Seminary until within the last three months, when it pleased our heavenly Father to visit him with grievous sickness. The result is doubtful; but we rejoice to know that he is in the hands of a kind and gracious God, and we commend him to the prayers and sympathies of his brethren.

The Rev. Charles A. Schroer has somewhat extended the sphere of his ministerial usefulness since our last Session, having accepted a call from the newly organized congregation at Rome, which, with his former congregation at Verona, now forms his pastoral charge.

The Rev. F. W. Weiskotten still continues at West Leyden, and is measurably successful in his ministerial labors.

The Rev. C. L. Knapp, immediately after his licensure took charge of the German Congregation at Lancaster, Erie Co., where he has since been laboring with evident tokens of the divine approbation and blessing. Owing to sickness in his family, he will be unable to attend our present session. He has sent his parochial report, and, according to the requisitions of the Constitution, his journal and sermons, for the inspection of the Ministerium. The congregation, among whom he labors, earnestly desires to be connected with this body, and has sent a petition to that effect which will be presented at the proper time.

We have but few removals to notice during the year.

In the early part of December the Rev. Charles H. Siebke informed me that he had accepted the invitation of a number of Germans, settled at Rondout, Ulster Co., to become their minister, and that he was about to remove from Lafargeville to enter upon his new field of labor. We are happy to state that he has since succeeded in organizing a congrega-

tion in that place, and confident hopes are entertained that, ere long, a new church will be erected for their use in that flourishing village.

The Rev. J. W. Veil, in a late letter, informed me that he left Buffalo in the month of October last, and is now living on his small farm at North Boston, preaching half of the time at his own house, and the other half, to a small body of settlers in the western part of the town of Eden. He is anxious to obtain a larger field of labor, and expresses his willingness to go, either as a missionary or pastor, wherever the Ministerium or Missionary Committee may direct.

It may be as well to mention in this connection, that our missionary at Buffalo, the Rev. Levi Sternberg, felt himself constrained shortly after the adjournment of Synod last year, to resign his office, and abandon the mission. He succeeded in disposing of the church for something more than the amount of its liabilities, and has sent me within the last week a full report of his proceedings, which is herewith submitted.

Under date of February 6th, Rev. H. Wheeler informed me that he had accepted a call from the Lutheran congregation of Woodstock, Ulster county, and would probably apply at this session for a dismissal from this Ministerium, for the purpose of connecting himself with the Hartwick Synod.

There have been three installations during the year, all of which I have, in the providence of God, been permitted to attend.

On the 17th of October, in accordance with previous arrangements, the Rev. William B. Askam was regularly installed as Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ancram, Columbia county. The sermon was preached, and the usual questions proposed by the President. The charge to the Pastor was delivered by the Rev. J. C. Duy, and to the congregation by the Rev. Dr. Wackenhagen. Thus a pastor has been happily settled in a region of country, hitherto scantily supplied with the means of grace, and a new station established which gives promise of wide and extensive usefulness.

Satisfactory evidence having been adduced by the Rev. George W. Lewis of his regular dismissal from the Hartwick Synod, and the church officers of the congregation at Ghent having unanimously requested his installation, the 21st of November was appointed for that purpose. A sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by the President, and after the pastor and congregation had publicly acknowledged their mutual obligations, they were severally addressed in a solemn and impressive manner by the Rev. J. C. Duy, and the exercises concluded with the benediction by the Pastor.

The newly organized congregation at Rondout having requested me to install the Rev. C. H. Siebke as their pastor, the requisite arrangements were made; and on the evening of the 24th of January, the solemnities took place in the spacious Presbyterian church in that village. A large congregation were assembled and listened attentively to a sermon from the President, on the claims of the German population to the

sympathy and aid of American Christians. The usual questions were then proposed, and a solemn charge addressed to the pastor and congregation in the German language by the Rev. F. W. Schmidt of Albany; when the Rev. Charles A. Smith, of Rhinebeck, concluded the interesting exercises with prayer. Several clergymen of different denominations in Rondout, and from the neighboring villages were present, and all seemed deeply interested in the welfare of the new congregation, and rejoiced that a portion of the population, so long destitute of the word and sacraments, had at length obtained a regular pastor to break unto them the bread of life, and speak to them in their own language and tongue of the wonderful works and ways of God.

On the 26th of November the new church, erected at Rome by the congregation, organized last year by the Rev. A. Wetzel, was solemnly set apart to the worship of Almighty God. The dedicatory services were performed in the English language by the President. Consecrating prayer in German by the Pastor. Sermon in the same language by the Rev. C. F. W. Rechenberg. The services were continued through the afternoon and evening. The Rev. Charles A. Schroer preaching in the German language, and the President in the English. It was truly a joyful gathering at Rome; no less than seven Lutheran ministers being present. The exercises of the day were unusually interesting; and we have reason to believe have produced the most salutary impressions.

According to appointment I attended the meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod on Trinity Sunday at Lebanon, as a delegate from this body. I was received with Christian affection and love, and was much gratified with all that I heard and saw. Our brethren of that Synod are warmly attached to this Ministerium, and seem to be actuated with a sincere desire to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" of our Lutheran Zion. The designation of the Rev Dr. Demme to the vacant professorship in the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburgh, can not but exert a happy influence upon the churches, and seems to meet with universal approbation. Should he accept the sacred trust, it will do more, in my judgment, to unite and consolidate the church in this country, than any other event which has ever occurred in her history.

During the past week the Rev. Pastor Fliedner of Kaiserwerth, Prussia, called upon me and presented his credentials as delegate from the provincial Synods of Rhineland and Westphalia. The object of his mission to this country is to "renew the Apostolical Institution of Deaconesses," and to open an intercourse between our Synods and the provincial Synods of the Father Land. We hope our brother will be able to present his views to us, in person, before we adjourn.

Our absent brethren, Rev. Messrs. Starman, Sharts, Veil, Knapp, Guenther, Wetzell, Collier and Eisenlord, have forwarded their parochial reports for the past year, and requested me to present their excuses for non-attendance. Their communications are herewith submitted.

The period for our triennial election having arrived, I return into your hands the office you have intrusted to me, with many thanks for your kindness and generous support. Having served you in various offices for eighteen years, I trust I do not ask too much when I beg to be released from further service; or that you will deem me ungrateful for your many favors, when I positively decline a reëlection.

And now may "the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

HENRY N. POHLMAN, *Pres't.*

VALATIE, September 3d, 1849.

It was

[I.] *Resolved*, That the president's report be laid upon the table, and that its contents be considered at a later stage of the proceedings.

[II.] *Resolved*, That the daily sessions of this Synod shall commence in the morning at 9 o'clock and close at 12 o'clock, and that the afternoon sessions shall commence at half-past 2 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Lintner and Rev. J. Z. Senderling, members of the Hartwick Synod, and Rev. Mr. Van Zandt, of the Reformed Dutch Church, were introduced and received as advisory members.

The period for the triennial election of officers (Constit. ch. VIII., § 5,) having arrived, the Ministerium proceeded to hold it in the usual manner. The following members were duly elected:

Rev. W. D. STROBEL, D.D., *President.*

" C. F. SCHAEFFER, *Secretary.*

" C. F. E. STOHLMAN, *Treasurer.*

The president elect, on taking the chair, expressed his thanks for the unanimity with which the members had chosen him as their presiding officer; and, as he had not entirely recovered from a recent indisposition, Dr. Pohlman was appointed to occupy the chair during the remainder of the morning session.

[III.] *Resolved*, That the reading of the minutes of the Synod of the preceding year be omitted.

Several papers were presented, at the call of the president for communications directed to this Ministerium, and were laid on the table for future action.

Various copies of minutes of sister Synods were presented. The president appointed a committee on minutes, in whose hands they were placed, with instructions to report on their contents.

Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Duy, Neff, F. W. Schmidt, Kempe, and J. R. Keiser.

The names of absent members were ordered to be called by the secretary; various letters of excuse were read. The results of the action of the Ministerium in each case, are recorded in the foregoing catalogue of members.

The parochial reports were presented; their contents are arranged in the following *Tabular View* and *Additions*. The names of members who have no pastoral charge, or who furnished no parochial reports are omitted.

NOTE.—Since the minutes have been prepared for publication, a letter arrived, from Rev. P. H. Dennler, assigning protracted illness as the cause of his absence from Synod, and appending his parochial report. Also, from Brother Muhlheiser, forwarding his parochial report, and stating that he is in the service of the American Home Mission Society, and asking for the sympathy of his brethren in the ministry and desiring to be kindly remembered by them in their prayers for the upholding of the Redeemer's kingdom among the Germans in the far west

Parochial Reports.

Pastors.	Congregations.	BAPTISMS.		Confirmed.	Admitted from other churches.	Partaken of the Lord's supper.	Entitled to communion.	Removed.	Withdrawn under other circumstances.	Deaths of members.	Funerals attended.	Sunday schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.
		Infants.	Adults.											
Rev. H. N. Pohlman,	1	12	3	6	11	121	115			2	49	1	12	60
" J. R. Keiser,	1	14	1	5	2	102	270			2	7	1	27	130
" C. A. Smith,	2	10		10		201				3		2		
" P. F. Mayer,	1	40	7	13		266								53
" A. Wackerhagen,	2	65	2	9	6	181	225	2	1	10	23	2	13	160
" W. D. Strobel,	2	6	1	5	1	130	145			3	29	2	18	250
" C. F. E. Stohlman,	1	371		69		1367		5			81	1	31	130
" R. Collier,	1	12		8		85				4	16	3	13	120
" C. Martin,	1	24	1	3	1	225	200	3	2	4	39	2	14	80
" J. C. Duy,	1	21		3		278	315	6		4	12	2	10	80
" G. J. Kempe,	1	57		10	1	180	314	5		4	17		15	90
" C. F. Schaeffer,	2	6		2		90				8	15		20	
" G. Nelf,	1	13	1			95	120	5		1	10	1		
" E. Deyoe,	1	15		2		220	107	3	2	6	23		22	120
" A. Welzel,	1	56		14		250	243	19		10	51		4	150
" F. W. Schmidt,	1	116		14	27	600	306	3			138		9	40
" F. H. Guenther,	1	156		77	78	200	200	2	2	6	14		4	20
" C. F. W. Rechenberg,	1	43		6		236	304			7	17	1		
" W. Sharts,	2	87		7		30	36	2		7	9			
" W. B. Askam,	2	17		7		85	85			1	14			
" C. H. Siebke,	1	44		6		1102				7	95			
" A. H. M. Held,	1	167		37		122	904	5		3	8	3	12	105
" G. W. Lewis,	1	16		2		90	150			4	7			15
" J. Mulhseiser,	2	15				61	98			4	6			
" C. A. Schroer,	1	28				200				5	21			
" P. H. Denler,	1	34		15		295				4	5		2	20
" F. W. Weiskotten,	5	38		12		230				3	8			
" C. L. Knapp,	1	26		14										
Total,	37	1499	16	356	127	7032	3437	57	7	100	738	22	226	1623

Additions.

The following miscellaneous remarks were appended to the parochial reports of those whose names are respectively stated:

Dr. Pohlman: "My church edifice has been completely remodeled and beautified during the past year, at the expense of some four thousand dollars; and there is an increased attention to the Word and Sacraments, which augurs well for the future."

Rev. J. R. Keiser: "During the last year my congregation contributed the following sums: to the Synodical fund, \$5.00; to the Parent Educ. Soc., \$12.00; to the For. Miss. Soc., 18.00; and to the Home Miss. Soc., 35.00."

Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen: "Both of my congregations are increasing, and not devoid of spiritual life; the means of grace are not neglected."

Rev. Dr. Strobel: "On the second Sunday in January, the Ev. Luth. Zion's Church, of Stuyvesant Falls was consecrated with suitable services. The building is 36 by 48 feet, and has but a small debt resting upon it. \$2.50 from S. S. children, for For. Missions."

Rev. J. C. Duy: "Besides their usual contributions, my people have paid off, during the past year, a congregational debt of \$950.00."

Rev. C. F. Shaeffer: Contributions for local ecclesiastical purposes (Sunday schools, &c.) have been made during the past Synodical year. In addition to the several sums which will be paid at this annual meeting, \$49.50 were collected for a student at Hartwick Seminary; \$25.00 for a church in Ohio; \$5.00 for the Buffalo mission, and \$5.00 from the Red Hook Sunday School for Home Missions."

Rev. E. Deyoe: "The means of grace are well attended. Our church is undergoing repairs which will add to the convenience and comfort of the congregation."

Rev. C. H. Siebke: "My congregation is engaged in collecting money for building a church, towards which, over \$250 are already subscribed. A house of worship is very much needed among us. The members have had almost no preaching for many years. We

would be very thankful for any help in building our church, which the Germans in Rondout are unable to do by their own means. We have collected \$3.00 for the Amer. Tract Soc., and \$4.00 for the Amer. Home Miss. Soc."

After the presentation of the parochial reports, the treasurer read his annual report, which was accepted, and, together with the accompanying accounts, referred to an *auditing committee*, consisting of Rev. J. C. Duy, and Messrs. A. Fellows and R. Williams.

Contributions from the churches, for various purposes, were paid to the treasurer. The details are embodied in the following table:

Contributions.

Contributors.	Synodical Fund.	Education.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Widows' Fund.
Ebenezer Church, Albany,	\$10 00		\$25 00	\$20 00	
Rev. H. N. Pohlman,					\$3 00
Rev. C. A. Smith,					3 00
St. Paul's Church, Wurtemberg,	5 00		13 00		
Sunday School of Wurtemberg,			2 00		
Third Church, Rhinebeck,	5 00		6 25		
Rev. Dr. Mayer,	5 00				3 00
Germantown and Livingston congregation,	5 00	\$6 12½	10 00		
Dr. Wackerhagen,					3 00
Dr. Miller,			5 75	2 50	3 00
Valatie congregation,	5 00		12 50	5 87½	
Dr. Strobel,					3 00
Rev. F. H. Guenther,	1 00		15 00		3 00
St. James's, N. Y.,	10 00		55 00		
Sunday School of St. James's, N. Y.,			55 00		
St. Thomas's Church,	7 00		5 00	5 00	
New Germantown, N. J.,	5 00		18 00		
Rev. G. J. Kempe,	1 00		20 00		
Red Hook congregation,	5 12½				
Rhinebeck, First Church,			2 00	5 00	
Saddle River Church,				12 00	
Rev. G. Neff,					3 00
German Valley, N. J.,	3 00			6 00	
Rev. E. Deyoe,					3 00
Rev. A. Wetzel,	1 00				3 00
Rev. F. W. Schmidt,	1 00				3 00
Rev. C. F. W. Rechenberg,	4 00				3 00
Rev. J. Muhlheiser, for 2 years,					6 00
St. John's, Ancram,	2 00			2 00	
Rev. C. H. Siebke,	1 00		3 00		3 00
Christ Church, Ghent,	2 00			2 00	
Rev. G. H. Miller,	2 00				3 00
Rev. C. A. Schroer,					3 00
Verona Church,	3 00				
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,					3 00
West Turin,	1 00		1 05		
Rev. C. L. Knapp,	2 00				
Rev. H. Wheeler,					3 00
P. F. Dennler,	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00

Adjourned. Session closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Mayer.

Second Session of the Synod.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Half-past 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. R. Dederick was introduced and received as the delegate from the Hartwick Synod.

[IV.] *Resolved*, That the treasurer be authorized to transfer the surplus money remaining, the present year, in the synodical fund, to the missionary or education fund, as circumstances may require.

Rev. Mr. Waltermire, of the Hartwick Synod, was introduced and received as an advisory member.

Buffalo Mission.

The following report of Rev. L. Sternberg, missionary at Buffalo, was presented and read by Rev. Dr. Pohlman:

TO THE MINISTERIUM OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK:—Having resigned my appointment as Missionary of your Synod, it becomes my duty to submit a final statement relative to the Buffalo Mission. In my last year's report, as published in the minutes, the following passage occurs: 'The main difficulty we are called to encounter, one which threatens to crush us, is of a pecuniary nature. Not to speak of the arrearage in the salary of your missionary, the church debt is large; the resolution of last year in respect to the January collections was carried out by few in either Synod, and the result is, that, though none of the principal is as yet due, the church is now liable to be sold at any moment the mortgagee may see fit, for unpaid interest money.'—As no provision was made to meet the difficulty here set forth, it became evident that our congregation at Buffalo could not retain possession of their church. The only alternative left us was: either to sell it, or, suffer it to be sold. An opportunity providentially offering, we sold the church for \$5300, a sum exceeding our liabilities by \$337.71. This amount it is proposed to divide equally between the Synods of New-York and Hartwick, to be again by them devoted to benevolent objects; and, for the excess beyond what is due me on account of salary, I hold myself subject to the order of the Treasurer of Synod. The church being sold, the Missionary did not deem a farther prosecution of the mission at present advisable, and hence retired from the field, greatly pained at the necessity, and deeply sensible

of the kindness manifested, and confidence expressed, both on the part of those under whose direction he had acted, and on that of the citizens of Buffalo, especially the members of his own church.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI STERNBERG.

"Middleburgh, August 27, 1849."

After the report had been read, the general subject was discussed, and it was

[V.] *Resolved*, That the report of Rev. L. Sternberg be adopted. Also,

[VI.] *Resolved*, That the sum of money due to this body, agreeably to the report of Rev. Mr. Sternberg, be received by the treasurer, and be appropriated to Domestic Missions

The President made the following appointments:

Examining Committee, for receiving applications for license, &c.—Rev. Messrs. C. F. E. Stohlman, C. Martin, A. Wackerhagen, C. A. Smith, H. N. Pohlman, G. B. Miller, C. F. Schaeffer.

Board of Education and Missions.—Rev. Messrs. Pohlman, Wackerhagen, Miller, C. A. Smith, Schaeffer, Duy, Keiser, Kempe, Stohlman, Martin, Wetzel, Deyoe; and Messrs. Engs, Schultz, J. Bartles, Fellows, H. J. Ockershausen, C. Groat, R. Williams.

[At a subsequent meeting of the Board, the following members were appointed the

Executive Committee.—Rev. Messrs. C. A. Smith, C. F. Schaeffer, J. C. Duy, C. Martin, H. N. Pohlman, C. F. E. Stohlman, and Messrs. Engs and B. Schultz.]

Treasurer.

Rev. Mr. Stohlman presented his resignation of the office of Treasurer, which he had originally declined accepting, and at his request, it was

[VII.] *Resolved*, That the resignation of Rev. Mr. Stohlman be accepted, and that another treasurer be immediately elected.

As the result of the election, it appeared that Rev. J. C. Duy was elected treasurer.

Agreeably to Resolution I, the president's annual report was called up for consideration.

In reference to that portion of said report, which related to the petition of the First Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Lancaster, Erie co., N. Y., the president read a letter from said congregation, signed by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Knapp, and the church council, in which they express an earnest desire to become connected with this body, and to be placed under its care. It was

[VIII.] *Resolved*, That this request be granted with pleasure, and that the full connection of said congregation with this Ministerium be hereby declared and acknowledged.

In reference to that portion of the late president's report, which alludes to the designation of Rev. Dr. Demme to the vacant professorship in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, the following preamble and the resolution appended, were adopted *unanimously*:

The Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of New York, having been officially informed of the nomination of Mr. Demme, of Philadelphia, by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, to the vacant professorship in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., feels called upon, in view of its fraternal relations to that body, to pass the following minutes:

(IX.) *Resolved*, That the nomination of Rev. C. R. Demme, D.D., to the professorship at Gettysburg, is a subject of deep and lively importance to the whole Lutheran Church in the United States, and that we would hail his acceptance of said office as the commencement of a new era in her history.

In reference to that portion of the annual report which mentions the contemplated visit to this body of the Reverend Mr. Fliedner, of Kaiserswerth, Prussia, it was

(X.) *Resolved*, That a select committee of three be appointed for the purpose of examining sundry documents previously received by the late president, from Pastor Fliedner, and accompanying the annual report, and of presenting a report on their contents at as early a period as possible.

Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Stohlman, Wackerhagen and Mayer.

(XI.) *Resolved*, That the whole report of the president be adopted and appended to the minutes.

Delegates to Sister Synods.

Rev. Dr. Mayer was appointed delegate to the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, (Pottsville, 1850). *Alternate*, Rev. Mr. Stohlman. Rev. Mr. Deyoe was appointed delegate to the Hartwick Synod.

Rev. Mr. Fliedner.

The committee appointed agreeably to Res. X, reported verbally that the documents placed in their hands were copies attested by Rev. Dr. Krauth, Pres. of the General Synod of the Evang. Lutheran Church in the U. S., of certain highly favorable recommendations of Pastor Fliedner from the Rhenish and Westphalian Provincial Synods (of Prussia), in which the purposes of his visit to the U. S. are set forth, and a kind and fraternal reception of him by the Ev. Lutheran Church of the United States is respectfully solicited.

(XII.) *Resolved*, That this Ministerium awaits with deep interest a visit from Pastor Fliedner, and will be happy to receive any statements from him relative to the purposes of his mission.

Immediately after the adoption of this resolution, Pastor Fliedner, who had, a few moments previously, left the conveyance which brought him to the church, appeared personally. He was informed by the president of the substance of the resolution which had been passed, and of the readiness of this body to receive any communications which he might desire to make. He addressed the Ministerium, in the English language, on the friendly sentiments entertained towards our church in the United States by the brethren in Europe whom he represented, and then explained the nature and design of the "Institution of Protestant Deaconesses or Nursing Sisters at Kaiserswerth, on the Rhine, in Prussia." He added, that an establishment of this description, or a hospital, had

been recently founded at Pittsburgh, Pa., through the personal efforts of the Rev. Mr. Passavant, pastor of the First Ev. Lutheran congregation of said city.

After the conclusion of his address, the following resolutions were proposed and adopted:

(XIII.) *Resolved*, That this Ministerium has listened with much pleasure to the statements made by the Rev. Mr. Fliedner, in reference to the "Institution of Protestant Deaconesses," and awaits with deep interest the result of the efforts made in behalf of it at Pittsburg.

(XIV.) *Resolved*, That we reciprocate the kind sentiments expressed towards the Ev. Lutheran Church of the U. S., by the ministerial Union of which the Rev. Mr. Fliedner is a representative, and cordially desire a continuation of the correspondence which has been commenced by them.

(XV.) *Resolved*, That our kindest wishes and our prayers attend Mr. Fliedner in the prosecution of his philanthropic labors, and that we regard his visit as an auspicious event, by which we trust that, in the good providence of God, the most favorable influence will be exerted on the great religious purposes for which we labor.

The Periodical Publications of the Church.

The following resolutions were proposed, and after a protracted discussion, were adopted unanimously:

(XVI.) *Resolved*, That we hail with joy the publication of Professor Reynolds' *Evangelical Review*, that we highly approve of the objects of the work, and the principles upon which it is to be conducted, as ably set forth by its editor; that we wish it a long and prosperous career; and that, with this end in view, we will exert ourselves to extend its circulation, and increase its usefulness.

(XVII.) *Resolved*, That we also approve of the character of the monthly paper called the *Missionary*, published at Pittsburg, Pa., and edited by the Rev. Wm. Passavant, and that we cordially recommend it to our people as well worthy of their patronage.

(XVIII.) *Resolved*, That in addition to the above publications, it is the deliberate opinion of this Synod, that a weekly religious periodical adapted to the wants, and devoted to the true interests of our church—a periodical respectable in its literary character, evangelical in its sentiments, judicious in its measures, and conciliatory in its spirit, has long been, and still continues to be, a great desideratum in our church.

(XIX.) *Resolved*, That, in case such changes in the editorial department of the Lutheran Observer should not be made by the Book Company, prior to the next meeting of the General Synod, as would bring said paper up to the standard above set forth, our delegates to that body be instructed to use their efforts to establish a new weekly periodical, which will be a more perfect representative of the sentiments and feelings of the church.

(XX.) *Resolved*, That a committee of five be chosen to communicate the foregoing resolutions, (XVIII, XIX,) with the reasons for their adoption, to the Board of Directors of the Book Company.

The *committee* appointed in accordance with resolution XX, is as follows: Rev. Messrs. Keiser, Martin, C. A. Smith, Duy and Pohlman.

A letter was read to the Ministerium, the signature of which was: "Jehu Jones, Lutheran Missionary," requesting the aid of this body in his proposed labors. It was

(XXI.) *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine this case, and report on it to-morrow morning.

Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Pohlman, Martin and Neff.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Stohlman.

MONDAY EVENING, half-past 7 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Lintner delivered a discourse on Phil. 2 : 4, in reference to the subject of Foreign Missions. Deep interest was awakened by the extended argument and the very full statistical information presented in this impressive address.

Third Session of the Synod.

TUESDAY, (Sept. 4, 1849,) 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Dr. Lintner.

The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

Dr. Lintner arose and stated that he had been appointed agent by the executive committee of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the U. S., for the purpose of visiting our churches in this state, and promoting an increased interest in the work of Foreign Missions; that he designed to engage immediately in the duties assigned to him; and, that he commended the general subject to the attention of this Ministerium. It was

(XXII.) *Resolved*, That we reiterate the expression of our deep interest in Foreign Missions; that we distinctly recognise the powerful claims which they advance on our vigorous and continued support; that we cordially recommend the Rev. Dr. Lintner, whose appointment and acceptance afford us the highest gratification, to the kind attentions of our congregations; and, that we anxiously desire to see an active missionary spirit generally maintained, and liberal contributions continually offered to the cause for which he designs to labor.

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The committee appointed to examine the treasurer's annual report and the accompanying accounts, presented the following report:

"The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and find the said accounts, &c., to be correct, leaving a balance in favor of the Synod of \$0.77.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUY,
R. WILLIAMS,
ALFRED FELLOWS."

(XXIII.) *Resolved*, That this report be adopted.

The committee appointed yesterday to prepare a report on a letter signed by "Jehu Jones, &c," presented the following:

Report on the Letter of J. Jones.

"The committee to whom was referred the communication from Mr. Jehu Jones, asking aid in establishing a Lutheran Congregation among the colored population of the city of New York, would report the following minute:

It appears from the minutes of our Ministerium, that in Oct., 1832, the said Jehu Jones, on the recommendation of the Rev. Dr. Bachman, of Charleston, S. C., was ordained in the city of New York, by a number of Lutheran clergymen connected with this Ministerium, with a view to his laboring as a Missionary in the Colony of Liberia, Africa. Upon this mission he never entered, but subsequently attempted to establish a Lutheran congregation among the colored people in Philadelphia. In this he utterly failed, and by his inefficiency and general deportment, forfeited whatever confidence the Church had reposed in his Christian character and integrity. From the period of his ordination to the present time, he has never been in connection with this or any other Lutheran Ministerium; and as he represents himself to be a Lutheran Missionary, and, under this designation, has imposed himself upon the Churches, making collections of money, and appropriating them to his own personal use, we deem it our duty to warn the Christian public against his misrepresentation and impositions.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY N. POHLMAN,
CHARLES MARTIN,
GEORGE NEFF."

(XXIV.) *Resolved*, That this report be adopted.

Rev. Dr. Miller, appointed at the last Synod delegate from this Ministerium to the Hartwick Synod reported, verbally, that he had attended the last annual meeting of that body, and had been most kindly received; that he had been much gratified by the manner and spirit in which their proceedings were conducted; and that all the brethren coincided with him in the expression of a strong desire that the friendly relations and correspondence existing between that body and our own, may always be maintained.

The next Annual Meeting.

(XXV.) *Resolved*, That this Ministerium proceed to determine by ballot the place in which the next Synod shall be convened.

Invitations were presented to the Ministerium by the congregations of German Valley, New Germantown, and Saddle River, in the State of New Jersey, and by those of Churchtown and Ghent, in the State of New York.

The election resulted in the selection of Saddle River, Bergen county, N. J., as the place in which the next annual meeting of this Ministerium shall be held. It was, on motion,

(XXVI.) *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting be held in the Lutheran church at Saddle River, on the Saturday preceding the first Sunday in September, A. D., 1850.

(XXVII.) *Resolved*, That 500 copies of our minutes be printed and distributed in the usual manner.

Delegates to the General Synod.

(XXVIII.) *Resolved*, That this Ministerium proceed to elect four clerical and four lay-delegates together with alternates, to attend the next meeting of the General Synod, (Charleston, S. C., on the last Saturday in April, 1850).

The following is the result of the election:

<i>Primaries.</i>	<i>Alternates.</i>
Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D.,	Rev. C. A. Smith,
“ W. D. Strobel, D.D.,	“ J. R. Keiser,
“ C. Martin,	“ C. F. Schaeffer,
“ C. F. E. Stohlman.	“ G. J. Kempe,
Mr. P. W. Engs,	Mr. John Naughtright.
“ Benj. Schultz,	“ Cyrus Groat,
“ Wm. Fellows,	“ Joseph Bartles,
“ Stephen Sloat.	Dr. Benj. Ogden.

Report on Minutes of Synods.

The following report was presented:

“The Committee on Minutes respectfully report, that the documents referred to them are the following Minutes of Synods: (a) South Carolina; Tennessee; General Synod of Ohio; Illinois; for 1847. (b) West Pennsylvania; Old Lutheran, of Missouri; Tennessee; Miami; North Carolina; Ohio; Allegany; Indianapolis; Pennsylvania; East Pennsylvania; Virginia; General Synod, 14th convention; Hartwick; for 1848. (c) Miami; for 1849.

Your committee are happy to find in these minutes of our sister synods so much evidence of zeal and success in the good work in which we are all engaged. We have discovered nothing in them, however, having a special reference to this body, except a preamble and resolution of the General Synod in regard to church music. Your committee propose for adoption the following resolutions:

(XXIX.) *Resolved*, That it is highly gratifying to this body to receive the minutes of our sister Synods, and that it will always give us pleasure to reciprocate such favors.

(XXX.) *Resolved*, That we have abundant reason to be thankful to the great Head of the church, for owning the labors of our brethren, and bestowing upon the churches and congregations committed to their care, so large a measure of prosperity.

(XXXI.) *Resolved*, That, as the last General Synod called the particular attention of the district Synods to the subject of church music, the members of this Ministerium express, on their part, their opinion that most of the music books in use in our churches have many defects, and that a collection of tunes specially adapted to our church, "uniformly connecting chaste simplicity with the fervor of devotion," is a work greatly to be desired.

(XXXII.) *Resolved*, That if the General Synod should succeed in introducing such a work to the church, we would hail its appearance with joy and gratitude, and would cheerfully aid and encourage its use.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. DUY,
GEO. NEFF,
F. W. SCHMIDT.
GEO. J. KEMPE,
J. R. KEISER."

(XXXIII.) *Resolved*, That the entire report be adopted.

Widows' Fund.

The following report was presented by the secretary of the widows' fund:

"The Trustees of the Widows' Fund report to the Subscribers, that there are, at this time, twenty-two members who have punctually paid up their dues, being an increase of three on the past year.

The funds consist at this time of the following:

Bonds and mortgages,	\$3000.00
Stock in Bowery Insurance Company, .	125.00
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	621.38
Making.....	\$3746.38

It will be seen that this is an increase of \$300 on the last report; and besides which there are unsettled dividends due on insurance stock, of about \$25. The hymn-book sales of the past year amount probably to \$30; and there is an error in crediting the former year's account with Mr. Ludwig, of about \$10 more: these items will increase the funds to over \$3800; and with the dues and further interest to be received, the trustees anticipate by the next annual term to be able to report a fund of \$4000 at least.

The Streit legacy does not produce any thing this year, and the Hymn Book profits promise less than heretofore; but all that is necessary to realize the highest expectations of those interested in this fund is, with a continued reliance on Divine aid, to exert individual influence and fostering care in its support.

The term of service of Rev. H. N. Pohlman, and Messrs. Benjamin Schultz and William Fellows expired at this meeting; they were re-elected, and no vacancies now exist.

Respectfully submitted.

P. W. ENGS, Sec'y."

(XXXIV.) *Resolved*, That this report be adopted and inserted in the minutes.

(XXXV.) *Resolved*, That we commend the enterprise of the newly organized congregation at Rondout, in erecting a church edifice, to the sympathies and aid of the churches in connection with this Ministerium.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kempe.

Fourth Session of the Synod.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, half-past 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Keiser.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Hartwick Seminary.

The committee on Hartwick Seminary presented the following report:

"The committee report that they were present at the annual meeting of the Board of trustees. The Hon. John H. Prentiss and Rev. Wm. N. Sholl were elected Trustees to fill vacancies. The funds remain in good condition. We state from memory that the property of all kinds, including houses, libraries, &c., under control of the Trustees, is about \$29,000. The Catalogue (herewith reported,) shows a respectable number of students, and in all respects we regard the institution as being in as good condition as in former years.

WM. D. STROBEL,
H. N. POHLMAN,
C. A. SMITH."

(XXXVI.) *Resolved*, That the report be adopted.

(XXXVII.) *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Ministerium be presented at the close of the services this evening, to the members of this congregation, and to other Christian friends, for the kindness and hospitality extended to us all, during the present meeting.

The business of this body having been transacted, the proceedings were closed. Previous to the dismissal of the lay-delegates, all the members united in singing a hymn, after which the president addressed the throne of grace in prayer, returned thanks for past manifestations of divine favor and commended the temporal and spiritual interests of all to the gracious direction of the Most High.

Ministerial Sessions.

FIRST SESSION.—Monday Afternoon, 5 o'clock.

After the session this afternoon, the "Ministerium, strictly so called," (Constit. Ch. VIII, § 14, No. 13,) held a meeting, which was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Welden.

The journals and sundry sermons of the licensed candidates, C. A. Schroer, F. W. Weiskotten, and C. L. Knapp were presented, and placed in the hands of the examining committee.

Mr. Popplow presented his application for a license through Rev. Mr. Schmidt.

(I.) *Resolved*, That Mr. Popplow be admitted to an examination.

Mr. Schlueter presented his application for a license through Rev. Mr. Stohlman.

(II.) *Resolved*, That Mr. Schlueter be admitted to an examination.

Rev. Messrs. Schroer and Weiskotten presented applications for ordination.

(III.) *Resolved*, That these two applications be referred to the examining committee.

Rev. H. Wheeler applied for honorable dismissal from this body, with a view to connect himself with the Hartwick Synod.

(IV.) *Resolved*, That his request be granted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Schmidt.

SECOND SESSION.—*Tuesday Morning, 11 o'clock.*

Prayer by Pastor Fliedner. Minutes read and adopted.

The examining committee presented their report, which was read and accepted. It appeared from said report that the applicants for licensure and ordination had presented themselves before the committee and been subjected to an examination. The several recommendations occurring in the report, having been fully considered, the report was read in sections, and the following decisions made by the Ministerium:

(a.) "The committee report that they were much pleased with the journals and sermons of the Rev. Messrs. Schroer, Weiskotten and Knapp; that the examination of the two former was satisfactory in the highest degree; and they recommend that these candidates be ordained at the next annual meeting; they propose no special action in the case of Rev. Mr. Knapp, who is unable to be present at this Synod."

(V.) *Resolved*, That this portion of the report be adopted.

(b.) "The committee recommend that Mr. E. Schlueter, of Emden, Hanover, whose examination was very satisfactory, be licensed at this meeting."

(VI.) *Resolved*, That Mr. Se
ning from the hands of the president.

(c.) "The committee, in conclusion,
low, formerly a teacher in Germany,
Education and Missions a letter commending
Tract Society, in whose service they believe
eminently useful as a Colporteur."

(VI.) *Resolved*, That this recommendation be adopted.

(VII.) *Resolved*, That the whole report of the examining committee be adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Miller.

Licensure.

TUESDAY EVENING, half-past 7 o'clock.

This evening the Rev. Dr. Mayer delivered a discourse on 2 Corinth., 4 : 7. At the conclusion of it, Mr. E. Schlueter, whose application had been approved, approached the altar, and the president proposed the constitutional questions, which were affirmatively answered. The president then delivered to him publicly letters of license to preach the gospel and administer the ordinances of God's house. The services were concluded by Dr. Mayer, who, after discharging the duty of returning thanks to the congregation and citizens generally, for their hospitality, pronounced the usual benediction.

I certify that the foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the fifty-fourth Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the state of New York and adjacent states and countries.

CHARLES F. SHAEFFER, *Secretary*.

